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City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 17th Jan., 1876.

The first meeting of the new Council was held at 11.15 o'clock this morning, in the Council Chamber, when the following members, having made their declaration of office, took their seats: Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Thompson, McPhail, Skinner, Hiscox, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Lewis, McColl, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Jones, Campbell, Murray.

The was a large number of ratepayers in the body of the hall to witness the proceedings.

At 11.20, Mayor Cronyn entered the Council Chamber and introduced Mayor Macdonald to the Council as their chairman for the ensuing year. He asked for him the hearty assistance of the members of the Council to enable him to discharge the onerous duties devolving upon him. He had much pleasure in stating to the Council that they would find the various depertments of city government in an efficient state, and the officials attentive to their duties and trustworthy in every respect. During the year he would have pleasure in placing his four years' municipal experience at the service of the Mayor-elect or any member of the Board. He had much pleasure in introducing to them Mayor Macdonald.

Mayor Macdonald, on rising to speak, was received with applause. He said that he was much obliged to the retiring Mayor for the kind manner in which he had introduced him to the council as the elect of the people. The bill of fare provided for the new council was an extensive one, but he hoped before the close of his term of office that it would be pretty well gone through with. The Finance Committee would have the onerous task of providing for heavy liabilies maturing. The ward appropriation system has been virtually abolished during the past year, so that improvements would be under the supervision of the Board of Works. On the Park Committee would devolve the duty of improving the ordnance lands, a full title to which had not yet been secured; the "hitch," however, he understood was with the militia authorities. He hoped that it would be quickly arranged, so that the money to be expended on the militia buildings would be put in circulation and give employment to many who are at present out of work. The exhibition grounds also should be improved. He was informed that the East Middlesex Agricultural Society were willing to spend an amount of money in beautifying the grounds, which would satisfy the northern people. It was his intention, during the present year to consult the council on almost every matter of civic legislation, and to form the heads of the various committees into an "Advisory Board," to assist him in conducting the affairs of the city.

Mayor Macdonald then made the declaration of office, and took his seat as Mayor for 1876, amid much applause.

The minutes of last meeting were read, and signed by the Mayor.

Communications were received from Messrs. P. C. Barnard and A. G. Smyth for appointment as auditors.

Ald. Partridge, jr., moved that Mr. W. D. Riddell be appointed auditor, seconded by Ald. Lewis.

Ald. Rapley moved that Mr. A. G. Smyth be appointed auditor, seconded by Ald. Jones.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the appointment of auditors be deferred until the evening session. Carried.

Ald. Partridge, jr., moved, seconded by Ald. Christie, that the following members be a committee to strike the standing committees for the year: No. 1 Ward, Ald. Pritchard; No. 2, Ald. Fitzgerald; No. 3, Ald. McPhail; No. 4, Ald. Hiscox; No. 5, Ald. Rapley; No. 6, Ald. Christie; No. 7, Ald. Partridge, jr. Carried.

On motion the council adjourned until 7.30 p. m. this evening.

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The Council resumed at 7.30 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present, His Worship, Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, McPhail, Skinner, Jones, Ross, Brown, Rapley, Christie, McColl, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Hiscox, Henderson, Lewis, Minhinnick, Sutherland.

The following communications were received :

From W. R. Meredith, M. P. P., submitting a copy of the L. H. & B. Railway Bill, and requesting that it be laid before the Council.

Referred to the Railway Committee.

From Mr. Thos. Scatcherd, City Solicitor in reference to the lighting of the city clock, as follows :

" I have been in correspondence with the Ottawa Government as to the gas supplied for lighting the city clock, and they positively decline to pay for it. Under the circumstances, in case a suit were brought by the Gas Company against the corporation, the chances are that the Company would succeed, and I do not think, therefore, that it is desirable to resist payment of the claim.

Your obd't servant,

THOS. SCATCHERD.

Referred to Finance Committee.

From Wm. McBride, Secretary of the Western Fair, stating that Exhibition Buildings are being injured on account of the gates being kept open. Referred to Exhibition Committee.

From Jane McIlheran, asking for remission of taxes. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From John Fralick, complaining of ill-treatment in the City Hospital. Referred to the Hospital and Relief Committee.

From Thomas Loyd, asking for the appointment of License Inspector. Referred to the License Committee.

The following accounts for election expenses were handed in :

John Bonsor	$19 00
A. Wallace	8 00
Alex. Gunn	32 00
C. S. Corrigan	33 00
John McKenzie	23 00

The accounts were referred to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Partridge, jun. (Chairman), submitted the following report of the committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the year :

FINANCE — Ald. Lewis (Chairman), Pritchard, Fitzgerald, McPhail, Hiscox, Minhinnick, Partridge, jun.

FIRE, WATER AND GAS—Ald. Williams (Chairman), Sutherland, Murray, Jones, Henderson, Rapley, McColl.

BOARD OF WORKS — Ald. McPhail (Chairman), Campbell, Thompson, Ross, Brown, Christie, Partridge, sen.

MARKET—Ald. Pritchard (Chairman), Thompson, Skinner, Hiscox, Rapley, Lewis, Partridge, sen.

HOSPITAL — Ald. Brown (Chairman), Pritchard, Murray, Skinner, Hendersen, Williams, Partridge, sen,

LICENSE — Ald. Jones (Chairman), Campbell, Thompson, Hiscox, Minhinnick, Lewis, McColl.

PRINTING — Ald. Ross (Chairman), Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Brown, Williams, McColl.

EXHIBITION—Ald. Partridge, jr. (Chairman), Campbell, Thompson, McPhail, Ross, Rapley, Christie.

SALARIES — Ald. Minhinnick (Chairman), Sutherland, Murray, Jones, Hiscox, Lewis, Partridge, sen.

RAILWAYS—Ald. Campbell (Chairman), Murray, Skinner, Henderson, Brown, Christie, Partridge, jun.

PARK—Ald. Sutherland (Chairman), Fitzgerald, Jones, Ross, Minhinnick, Christie, Partridge, sen.

BOARD OF HEALTH—Ald. Pritchard (Chairman), McPhail, Henderson, Rapley, Lewis, McColl.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

The report was adopted without alteration.

The next business was the appointment of Auditors.

The Mayor said that the power of appointing one Auditor was vested in him. He would appoint Mr. J. B. Schram as Auditor.

The applications for the appointment of Auditors received at the morning session were read over.

Ald. Christie moved that Mr. P. C. Barnard be appointed. No seconder.

The nominations of Messrs. A. G. Smyth and W. D. Riddell were then put. The former received 13 votes, and the latter 7. Mr. Smyth was declared elected.

The yeas were called for.

For Smyth — Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, Skinner, Jones, Henderson, Rapley, Christie, McColl, Partridge, sr.,

For Riddell—McPhail, Hiscox, Ross, Minhinnick, Brown Lewis, Partridge, jr.

On motion of Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. McPhail, the report of the License Committee submitted at last meeting of the Council, was referred to the License Committee of 1876.

Ald. Partridge, jr., said that on account of a change in his business relations, he would be compelled to resign the position of High School Trustee. He now handed in his resignation.

Ald. Brown moved, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the resignation of Ald. Partridge, jr., as High School Trustee, be accepted. Carried.

Ald. Lewis moved, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that Mr. Robt. Reid be appointed High Shool Trustee in place of Ald. Partridge, jr., resigned.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ald. Minhinnick, in amendment, that the appointment be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

Ald. Fitzgerald nominated Mr. James Bell, seconded by Ald. Thompson.

Ald. Minhinnick nominated ex-Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Rapley.

The amendment of Ald. Fitzgerald was lost—9 for, 10 against.

The vote was then taken on Mr. Reid and he received ten votes and was declared elected.

Ald. Lewis moved that a by-law be drafted ratifying the appointment of Mr. Reid. Carried.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the City Hall shall not be granted free in future, unless for free entertainments; and that the offices of the City Clerk and Chamberlain be not granted in any case.

The resolution was allowed to stand as a notice of motion.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Subsequently the various committees met in the Mayor's room and appointed the chairmen whose names we have given above.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 24th Jan., 1876.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber this evening at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and the following members of the Board present: Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, McPhail, Jones, Skinner, Hiscox, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Lewis, McColl, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read

From the city publishers, relative to the manner in which corporation adtisements are brought before the public. Referred to Printing Committee.

From V. Cronyn, Esq., asking that a lamp be placed on Dundas street, south side, in front of the new arcade. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From H. L. Kifner, complaining of improper taxation. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Susanah Leichman, asking for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Drs. Brown and Niven, for a driving shed at hospital. Referred to Hospital Committee.

From J. Dunn and others, praying that a sidewalk be laid on the south side of Duke street, between Maitland and Colborne. Referred to Board of Works.

Ald. Brown reported as follows from the Hospital Committee.

"Your Committee, having investigated the charges brought against Mr. Grant, the Hospital Steward, by a man named Fralick, find not a tittle of evidence to support said charges, and completely exonerate Mr. Grant from any of the charges, believing that he did nothing more than his duty; and your Committee have every confidence in his integrity and ability to manage and conduct the affairs of said institution."

On motion of Ald. Lewis, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, the report was received and adopted.

The by-law appointing a Board of Health was read a first, second and third time and passed.

The by-law for the appointment of auditors was read a first, second and third time and passed.

The by-law for the appointment of Robt. Reid, Esq., to the position of High School Trustee was next read a first time.

Ald. Brown moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that that constitute the first reading.

Ald. Christie moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the name of W. R. Vining be inserted instead of Mr. R. Reid.

The amendment was put and lost—11 to 10. Original one carried on the same vote.

The by-law was then declared having passed a first reading.

On being read a second time,

Ald. Thompson moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, the insertion of the name of Mr. Jas. Dunbar.

Ald. Minhinnick moved that the name of Mr. Cowan be substituted, but received no seconder.

After a slight discussion, Ald. Thompson's motion was put to the vote and lost—11 to 10.

The by-law then passed its second reading.

On a third reading, Ald. Minhinnick moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that Mr. Cowan's name be inserted. Lost—11 to 10.

By-law then read a third time and passed.

Yeas and nays demanded.

Yeas—Campbell, Murray, Jones, Hiscox Ross, Henderson, Brown, Lewis, McColl, Partridge, jr.—11.

Nays — Pritchard, Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Skinner, Minhinnick, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Partridge, sr. —10.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that the Board of Works take into consideration the question of frontage tax, and report at next meeting of Council, and that no improvements or sidewalks be made until we have a report from the committee.

Alds. Pritchard and Fitzgerald spoke in support of a frontage tax, as did also Alds. Ross, Lewis and Minhinnick. Ald. Partridge, sr., opposed it—a frontage tax would be very injurious to the outer wards, he thought.

Motion put and carried.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that Aldermen Murray, Ross, Campbell, Partridge, jr., and Christie constitute the Court of Revision for 1876.

A by-law confirming the above was then read a first, second and third time and passed

Ald. Jones' motion, objecting to the granting of the City Hall and ante-rooms free, was next taken up.

Ald. Pritchard drew the attention of the board to the following resolution, passed Dec. 21st, 1874:—"That the rent to be charged henceforth for the use of the City Hall be $15 per night in summer, and $20 in winter, to meet current expenses, and that the use of the ante-rooms be granted only by permission of the council.

The matter was finally referred to the Board of Works.

Ald. Lewis enquired in reference to the new assessment act

His Worship stated he had been to Toronto and interviewed the Government with regard to the clause altering the time for assessing, and they had agreed to give the subject consideration; in the meantime the assessors would commence their work as usual in February.

Ald. Partridge moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that when the assessment roll is handed to the assessors they be distinctly given to understand that they accept such salary as the Salaries Committee see fit to recommend to this Council and we adopt.

Ald. Skinner moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. McPhail, that the Salaries Committee be requested to meet immediately to consider the matter, and when their report is ready a special meeting of the Council be called.

Amendment withdrawn and Ald. Partridge's motion carried.

Ald. Partridge, jr., was called to the chair, and His Worship addressed the Board in reference to the G. W. R. and L., H. & B. R. amalgamation bill, which was being pushed through the House. The speaker had heard that the G. W. R. Co. intended striking out the 34th (firewood) clause in the L., H. & B. incorporation act, and while in Toronto last week he had conversed with Mr. Meredith on the subject, and he (Mr. M.) had promptly given his word to watch the clause in question. The Mayor also had an interview with Mr. Barker, the G. W. R. solicitor, and asked him to allow the 34th clause to remain, but that gentleman, who was working in the interests of the company, positively refused to do so. The clause specified that dry cordwood would be carried over the line at 2½ cents per cord from stations not exceeding 50 miles, and 3 cents from stations exceeding that distance. Mr. Barker also contended that the L., H. & B. line ended at Hyde Park Junction, a contention not at all in keeping with the Act of Incorporation, and not in harmony with the conditions upon which the different bonuses were granted. In the Railway Committee of the House, Mr. Meredith (who is a member of that committee) moved that the firewood clause be inserted in the amalgamation bill, and Mr. Barker strenuously opposed it in the interests of the G. W. R. Co. He (the Mayor) showed the committee that the Act of Incorporation of the L., H. & B. line stipulated that it was to be built from London to Wingham; that the committee should merely look upon the G. W. R. Company as contractors, and that the G. W. R. Company, in order to save expense, adopted 4½ miles of their main line. The members of the committee, with the exception of Dr. Wilson, M. P. P. for East Elgin, took the same view of the matter as Mr. Meredith and His Worship did, and the result was that Mr. Barker was told that he could not get his bill unless he adopted and inserted the 34th clause therein. His Worship also desired to state that he had received every assistance from our member (Mr. Meredith) in this matter.

Ald. Ross moved, seconded by Ald. Henderson, that the thanks of the citizens of London are due and hereby tendered to Mr. Wm. R. Meredith, M. P. P., and His Worship Mayor Macdonald, for their efforts in this matter. Carried unanimously.

On motion of Ald. Campbell, the Park Committee was requested to bring in a report as soon as possible, relating to a scheme for beautifying the same, etc.

Council adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

SPECIAL MEETING.

City Clerk's Office 2nd Feb., 1876.

A special meeting of the City Council was held in the City Clerk's office this evening, for the purpose of discussing "the Crooks Liquor Bill." Present—His Worship the Mayor in the chair, Aldermen Fitzgerald, Brown, Murray, Ross, Skinner, Minhinnick, Hiscox, McPhail, Lewis, Pritchard, Thompson, Christie, Henderson, Jones, Sutherland, Campbell, Williams, Rapley.

The Mayor said that at the request of a large deputation, he had called a special meeting of the Council, to consider the Crooks License Bill, at present before the House. It affected the city revenue to a large extent, which was a serious matter under present circumstances.

Ald. Thompson moved, seconded by Ald. McPhail, that the Bill of the Hon. Mr. Crooks with regard to the license law, now before the Ontario Legislature, be so amended that it will not go into operation until the 1st March, 1877, in order that parties now holding licenses may not be taken by surprise, and put to great loss through the said Bill being sprung upon them.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Jones, that this Council having ascertained that if the Liquor License Bill now before the Legislature of Ontario is passed in its present shape, it will materially affect the revenue of this city, be it therefore resolved that this Council is of opinion that the revenue derived from such licenses should be paid to the municipalities granting them, except what is required by the Government to have the license law enforced.

At this stage of the proceedings a deputation from the Licensed Victuallers' Association entered the Clerk's office; they consisted of the Hon. John Carling and Messrs. Scandrett, James Smith, J. C. Derby, J. Macdonald, Charles Dunn, James O'Connor, W. McDonough, R. McKenzie and others.

Ald. Christie moved that the deputation from the Licensed Victuallers be heard. Carried.

Hon. John Carling addressed the council in reference to the Bill.

Ald. Campbell consented to amend his resolution so that "twelve months' time be allowed before the act should come into force," and it was carried unanimously.

Ald. Thompson's motion being withdrawn,

Ald. Campbell moved that the Mayor, Ald. Lewis and Ald. Jones be appointed a deputation from this Council to lay their views before the Government. Seconded by Ald. Sutherland. Carried.

Ald Rapley moved, seconded by Ald. Henderson, that the resolution be forwarded to Mr. Wm. Meredith for presentation. Lost.

The Mayor said that it would be impossible for him to attend, and Ald. Christie was appointed.

On motion the Council adjourned.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 7th Feb., 1876.

The Council met this evening in the council-chamber at the usual hour. Present—His Worship Mayor Macdonald, in the chair, and Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Murray, Skinner, Ross, Henderson, Brown, Christie, Williams, Lewis, McColl, Partridge, sen., Rapley, Thompson, Partridge, jun., Jones, Hiscox, McPhail, Minhinnick.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved, and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received :—

From J. B. Taylor, Deputy Adjutant-General, stating that the account of Messrs. Wright & Durand, $103.73, and John Millar, $13, had been sent to the Militia Department at Ottawa, and payment had been refused, it being alleged that the city should meet the expense of fitting up the caretaker's residence. Referred to Park Committee to report.

From W. H. Fraser, Secretary of the Advisory Board for the International Exhibition, requesting the city to make a display on the occasion. Referred to the Exhibition Committee.

From Rev. Father Northgraves, for the free use of the City Hall on the 17th March next, for a concert. Granted.

From Rev. Charles S. Eastman, for exemption from taxes. Referred to the Finance Committee.

An account from Messrs. Stevens, Turner & Burns, gas-fitters, was referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Messrs. Fisher & Taylor, publishers of the City Directory, asking the Council to subscribe for copies. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Messrs. Wm. Pellett, Thomas Ley and Thomas Fortune, for the position of chimney sweeps. Referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Mrs. Phillips, Thos. H. Essery, John Hill, Charles Maddiver, Widow Lee and John Rennie, for remission of taxes. Referred to the Finance and Assessment Committee.

Ald. Lewis submitted the following report of the Finance Committee :

Your committee report funds for the following accounts : George B. Harris, for lot on Bond and Waterloo streets, $2,112; John Bonsor, $19; Robert Scott, $13; Wm. McBride, $33; Edward M. Heal, $11; John M. Keary, $19; Wm. H. Winnett, $12; Arthur Wallace, $8; C. S. Corrigan, $31; John Mackenzie, $21; Alex. Purdom, $11; Alex. Gunn, $30; James Jury, $11; Richard Dinahan, $21.25; J. Denehy, $3.50; Alex. Abbott, $5.50. Total, $2361.25.

Ald. Lewis stated that he would be able to submit a full financial statement at the next meeting of the council.

Ald. Lewis moved, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Ald. Williams submitted the report of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee as follows : "Referring to the petition of Mr. V. Cronyn for a gas lamp opposite the Arcade, Dundas street, your committee recommend no action for the present.

Ald. Williams moved the adoption of the report. Lost.

Ald. Murray moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Christie, that the prayer of the petition of Mr. V. Cronyn be granted. Lost.

Ald. Murray said that Mr. Cronyn had expended a large amount of money at the New Arcade, and he deserved to have this lamp.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the petition be referred back to the committee for further consideration. Carried—10 for, 9 against.

Ald. Jones submitted the following report of the License Committee:

We, your License Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

That no action be taken on the liquor license.

The report of the license of 1875 was adopted with the following amendments: Billiard tables, $40; bagatelle tables, $40; pool or pocket tables, $40; auctioneer, $60; pedlars, $10; hawkers living outside city, $10; bowling alleys, $40; circus, first-class, $100; circus, second-class, $80; third-class, $60; side shows, $10; fruit stands with show, $5; liquor transfer, no action; for hire with two horses, $6; for hire with one horse, $4; lorrie, $12; milk wagon living outside the city, $5; petty Chapmen, $2; transient traders under $100, $5; transient traders over one $100, 5 per cent; cab-drivers, others than owner, no action.

The report was committed, Ald. Campbell in the chair.

First clause read.

On motion of Ald. Pritchard, the delegates appointed to proceed to Toronto in reference to the Crooks' Liquor Bill were heard.

Aldermen Christie, Lewis and Jones reported that they had proceeded to Toronto and interviewed Mr. Crooks in reference to the License Bill, but found him and the members of the Government firm and opposed to any change. The deputation acknowledged the valuable assistance that they had received from Mr. Meredith, M. P. P., and Mr. R. Tooley, M. P. P., to promote the object of their visit.

The clause passed.

Second clause read.

On motion, Mr. James Smith was heard before the Council in reference to the license to be paid for billiard tables. Mr. Smith also read a petition signed by the billiard table keepers of the city protesting against the proposed increase of license. Mr. Smith submitted a statement showing that the profit on his two billiard tables for one year was only $109.30.

Ald. Rapley—You don't count the profit on the liquor sold.

Ald. Hiscox moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the license for billiard tables be $30.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. McPhail, that the license be for the 1st table $30; 2nd, $25; other tables $20 each.

Ald. Hiscox withdrew his amendment, and that of Ald. Pritchard was carried.

Fourth clause read.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Sutherland, that the same license be charged as for billiards.

Amendment lost. Clause passed.

Fifth clause read and passed.

Ald. Sutherland moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the clause in reference to pedlars be amended by inserting $25.

Amendment lost. Clause passed.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the license for hawkers be $25.

Amendment lost. Clause passed.

The clause in reference to bowling alleys passed.

Ald. Williams moved in amendment to the clause in relation to circuses, that the license be, per day, 1st class, $150; 2nd, $100; 3rd, $80. Carried.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment, that the license for side-shows be $25. Seconded by Ald. Sutherland, and carried.

The clauses with reference to fruit stands and transfer of licenses, were read and passed. The license for two-horse wagons was fixed at $6.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Sutherland, in amendment to the report, that the carters' license, for one-horse wagons, be $2. Carried.

The license on lorries was fixed same as last year ($12.)

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the clause charging $5 license on each milk wagon (owner residing outside the city) be struck out. Lost. Clause passed.

Clause in reference to petty chapmen passed.

Ald. Brown moved in amendment to the report, that transient traders' license be $5 per day irrespective of the amount of stock. Carried.

The cab licenses were fixed the same as last year.

Ald. Rapley moved, seconded by Ald. Sutherland, that bakers living outside the city be required to pay the same as milkmen, $5 each. Lost.

The committee arose and the council resumed.

The chairman, Ald Campbell, moved the adoption of the report as amended. Seconded by Ald. Pritchard.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the clause relating to milk waggons be struck out. Lost.

Ald. Lewis moved, seconded by Ald. McColl, that the license for billiards be the same as recommended by the report. Lost.

Yeas—Jones, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Lewis, McColl, Partridge, sr.

Nays—Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, McPhail, Skinner, Hiscox, Ross, Rapley, Christie Williams, Partridge, jr.

Report adopted.

Ald. Minhinnick, chairman of the Salary Committee, submitted the following report:

Your committee beg to report and recommend that the salaries for the present year be as follows:

City clerk, $1,200; treasurer, $1,100; weigh clerk, $800; street commissioner, $700; relief officer $500; clerk of wood market, $350; janitor of city hall, $440; assessors, each, $500; auditors, each, $100; chief of fire department, $800; engineer, $600; assistant engineer, $150; driver, $365; sixteen firemen, $125 each, $2,000; Janitor of the fireman's hall, $300; expenses of the mayor's office, $600.

Ald. Minhinnick moved, seconded by Ald. Lewis, that the report be received and adopted.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the report be taken up clause by clause.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the report be laid over until such time as a full report is received from the Finance Committee in reference to the city finances.

Ald. Minhinnick—I have no objection to defer the report.

Ald. Campbell's motion carried.

Ald. McPhail, chairman, submitted the following report of the Board of Works:

First Report of the Board of Works for the year 1876:

1st. Your Committee find that there is no record of the minutes of the Board in the minute book since the 10th day of November, 1875.

2nd. That in reference to the petition of electors in No. 6 Ward your Committee recommend no action.

3rd. Your Board in reference to frontage tax for local improvements report progress.

4th. Your Board recommend that any work done without the sanction of this Board, the same being under their jurisdiction, be not recognized for payment, and that in no case unless by certificate of the City Engineer.

5th. That the 3rd and 4th clauses of the report of this Board adopted, on the 21st of Sept., 1874, relative to granting the City Hall, will be strictly adhered to.

Respectfully submitted.

A. McPHAIL, Chairman.

Board Room, Feb. 7th, 1876.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

1st clause read.

Ald. Pritchard said that the passage of the clause was a censure on the late Chairman.

Ald. Pritchard moved that ex-Ald. Smith be heard. Carried.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the 1st clause be struck out. Carried.

2nd Clause read and passed.

3rd Clause read.

4th Clause read and passed.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Sutherland, that the clause be struck out.

Ald. Rapley—There is no necessity of the council passing a resolution at all. Leave the matter an open question.

Ald. Pritchard's resolution was carried and the report adopted as amended.

Ald. Brown submitted the report of the Hospital and Relief Committee, which recommended the payment of a number of accounts amounting to $563.17.

Ald. Campbell moved that the report be referred back to the committee.

Ald. Brown—I will read the accounts from the minute book if you desire it. I will not amend this report.

The Mayor—No chairman should take umbrage at a member asking for details. It has always been the custom to give them.

Ald. Campbell's motion was carried, and the report referred back.

Ald. Sutherland submitted the following report of the Park Committee.

1. The committee recommend that a picket fence be built along the west side of Wellington street, from Duke to Great Market streets, with turn-stiles at suitable distances; and that the old posts around the Park be utilized for that

purpose; and that any other portions of the western fence be placed in a proper state of repair.

2nd. And that His Worship the Mayor and the Chairman wait on ex-Mayor Cronyn, and get from him any papers, documents, or agreements relating to the Park property, and also communicate with the Government and ascertain what they intend to do about giving the deed to the city; and also as to the buildings to be erected for military purposes. Report progress.

A number of your committee visited the Park and Government militia storehouses, and we certainly think it is not creditable to the city, the open manner in which the grounds are left. We also recommend that a close board fence twelve feet high be erected around the artillery magazine; we think that is necessary to its safety, and that of the adjoining portion of the city.

Ald. Sutherland moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the report be received and adopted.

Ald. Christie moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that it be committed. Carried.

First clause read.

Ald. Williams moved that the clause pass.

Ald. Ross spoke in favor of the clause. While he had the floor the hour of 11 o'clock arrived, and the board adjourned.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 21st Feb., 1876.

The Council met last evening in the Council Chamber at the usual hour; present, Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, McPhail, Skinner, Jones, Ross, Henderson, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, McColl, Hiscox, Partridge, jr., Minhinnick and Lewis.

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Lewis was elected to preside.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Mayor arrived at 7 35, took the chair, and the minutes were approved and signed.

The following communications were received:—

From Messrs. Scatcherd & Meredith, in reference to license by-law. The communication stated that the clause in reference to for-hire wagons had been left out to be dealt with by the Commissioners. It also expressed the opinion that the Council had not power to tax milk wagons. Fyled.

The communications of A. E. Pavey, R. S. Leigh, Christiana Keys, Jane Harris and W. Westlake in reference to taxes, were referred to the Finance and Assessment Committees.

From B. Johnson, asking for the appointment of License Inspector. Referred to License Committee.

From Warren Rock, claiming damage for injuries sustained by Mrs. McKay from a defective sidewalk on Colborne street.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the communication be referred to the Finance Committee and Board of Works. Carried.

From James Owrey, asking permission to remove a frame building so as to front it on Picton street.

Ald. Rapley moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the prayer of the petition be granted. Carried.

From J. A. McLaughlin, asking for the appointment of Inspector for other than liquor licenses, at a salary of $175 per annum. Referred to the License Committee.

From S. Friendship and other residents of No. 7 Ward, asking for the construction of a culvert on the corner of Oxford and George streets. Referred to the Board of Works.

From John Hughes, for the use of the Exhibition Grounds on the 24th of May next, for games and amusements. Referred to the Exhibition Committee.

From John Payne, for the use of the City Hall on Wednesday, 1st March, on payment of current expenses. Granted.

An account from E. A. Taylor & Co., $28 57, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Lewis, chairman of the Finance Committee, said that he regretted that he was not able to bring down the financial statement that he had promised, on account of the Auditors not having completed their labors. He read a statement from the Auditors explaining why they had not reported.

No action was taken.

Ald. Pritchard, chairman of the Market Committee, submitted the following statement of the amount of produce sold on the London market for 1875:—

Wheat — Bushels, 538,000; value, $511,000.

Barley—Bushels, 380,000; value, $228,000.

Oats—Bushels, 362,000: value, $115,840.

Peas—Bushels, 221,700; value, $155,190.

Corn—Bushels, 11,000; value, $7,700.

Timothy Seed—Bushels, 5,500; value, $13,700.

Butter—Kegs, 9,750; value, $97,000.

Hides—17,000; value, $59,500.

Pork—2,540,000 lbs.; value, $177,800.

Clover Seed—Bushels, 2,800; value, $14,000.

Wool—131,000 lbs.; value, $45,850.

Total value of whole, $1,424,930.

Ald. Pritchard moved that the statement be printed in the minutes, and that copies be handed to the city papers for publication. Carried.

Ald. Brown submitted the report of the Hospitol Committee in detail and proceeded to read the items of the coal account. Several members objected.

Ald. Brown—If the Council do not want the details, I will give the gross amounts. He then read the following report:

Your Committee beg leave to report that the usual monthly reports have been examined and found correct, amounting to $563.17, viz.:

Thos. Patrick, cutting wood, $4.80; T. E. O'Callaghan, groceries, $107.18; Jas. B. Smith, bread, $31.95; Mr. Trebilcock, meat, $62.33; Mrs. Woodward, milk, $12.40; servants' wages, $44; Wm. Saunders, medicine, $30 30; R. Lewis, paper, $1.75; A. B. Powell & Co., goods, $12.95; Jas. Cowan, goods, $7.16; J. M. Cousins, repairing pumps, $3; Dr. V. A. Brown, instruments, $82.35; Bowman & Co., coal, $163; total, $563.17.

We recommend the above accounts be referred to the Finance Committee for payment.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

On motion of Ald. Brown, the sum of $200 was placed at the disposal of the Relief Committee.

Ald. Jones, chairman of the License Committe, reported as follows:

The tavern accommodation remains as the law now provides.

We also recommend no reduction in the number of licenses other than the law requires.

We also recommend the following Municipal and Government tax:

Taverns, $130; exempt taverns, $150; shops, $150.

On the petition of T. Lloyd, no action.

We also recommend Benj. Higgins as License Inspector, at a salary of $200 per annum.

On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th clauses read and passed.

6th clause read and passed.

Clause passed.

7th clause read.

Ald. Campbell moved in amendment to the report, that Mr. Thomas Winnett, weigh scales clerk, be appointed inspector of licenses, other than liquor licenses, at a salary of $50 per annum.

Ald. Minhinnick moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, in amendment, that Mr. Higgins be appointed Inspector; the salary to be fixed by this Council on the report of the Salary Committee. Lost.

Yeas—Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, Jones, Ross, Minhinnick, Hiscox, Christie, Williams—9.

Nays—Campbell, McPhail, Skinner, Henderson, Brown, Rapley, Partridge, jr., McColl, Pritchard, Sutherland—10.

Ald. Campbell's amendment was then put and lost.

Yeas—Pritchard, Campbell, Sutherland, McPhail, Henderson, Brown, McColl, Partridge, jr.—8.

Nays—Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, Jones, Hiscox, Ross, Minhinnick, Christie, Williams, Lewis—10.

Ald. Henderson moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. McColl, that $50 be substituted for $200 in the 7th clause of the report. Carried.

Ald. Campbell moved in amendment seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the consideration of the clause be deferred until the next meeting. Lost.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

First clause read.

On motion, the clause was referred to the Board of Works.

Second clause read.

His Worship gave satisfactory explanations; he considered the first part of the clause unnecessary.

On motion, the words—"and that His Worship the Mayor and the Chairman wait on ex-Mayor Cronyn, and get from him any papers, documents, agreements, relating to the Park property" were struck out, and the balance of the clause adopted.

Third clause read and referred to the Board of Works.

Ald. Campbell gave the following notices of motion:

"That inasmuch as no improvements are being made at present by this corporation, or likely to be done for some time, I will at next meeting of the Council move that the services of the Street Commissioner be dispensed with, and that the by-lay, if any, appointing that official be rescinded, and that in future all repairs and improvements ordered by the Board of Works be done under the supervision of the City Engineer."

"That the by-law appointing A. G. Smyth as Auditor be rescinded."

Ald. Minhinnick gave notice that he would move for a committee to enquire into the discrepancy of expenditure for feed for the Fire Department horses, the Chief Engineer's report stating the same to be about $350, and the financial statement of 1875 showing the expenditure to be $1,600.

On motion the Council adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Council Chamber, 28th Feb., 1876.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last night, to pass the license by-law.

His Worship not being present at the appointed time, Ald. Partridge, jr., was called to the chair. The following aldermen were present:—Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, McPhail, Jones, Hiscox, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Rapley, Christie, Lewis, Partridge, jr., Partridge, sr., Skinner, Murray, Brown, McColl and Williams.

Ald. Lewis stated that the auditors had finished their work, and asked the Council to give an informal consent to the finance report being printed. Granted.

The by-law was then read a first time.

On its being read a second time—

Hon. John Carling, after a few introductory remarks (by consent of the council), read a petition which asked that no change be made in the license fees for the present year. The petition was signed by about 800 ratepayers.

His Worship the Mayor here took the chair. At the same time crowds of ladies and gentlemen entered the Council Chamber— while outside the bar, in the hall, were hundreds of others, friends of both parties.

Rev. Dr. Cooper, and Mrs. Annie Newcomb read petitions is support of the by-law.

Hon. John Carling and Messrs. Alexander Tytler, James Smith, and W. S. Smith addressed the Council in opposition to the by-law.

Rev. R. W. Wallace, Rev. Mr. Murray, Rev. James Graham, Dr. Oronhyatekha, and Rev. J. Rice addressed the Council in favor of the by-law.

The by-law was then read a second time.

Ald Pritchard moved seconded by Ald. Partridge Sr. in amendment that the licenses be for Taverns, $120; exempt taverns, $125; stores, $125.

Yeas—Pritchard, Campbell, Thompson, Murray, McPhail, Skinner, Hiscox, Christie, Williams, Partridge, sr.

Nays—Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Jones, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Lewis, McColl, Partridge, jr.

The by-law then read a third time and finally passed.

Yeas and nays same as above.

Moved by Ald McColl, seconded by Ald. Williams, that a vote of thanks be tendered the ladies. Carried.

Council then adjourned.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 6th March, 1876.

The Council met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour. Present, His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, McPhail, Skinner, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Ross, Henderson, Williams, Lewis, McColl, Partridge. sr., Partridge, jr., Christie, Murray, Hiscox, Jones, Thompson.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received:

From J. W. McIntosh, asking the free use of the City Hall on the 3rd of April next, for a concert to be given in aid of the St. Andrew's Society. Granted.

From R. C. Robb, Secretary Orange Young Britons, asking that the current expenses on the City Hall for a recent entertainment be refunded. Fyled.

From C. White, for the free use of the City Hall on the 18th April next, for the carriage makers' annual ball. Granted on payment of current expenses.

From W. M. Evans, claiming $49 for damages done to his horse on Richmond street, during the construction of the street railway. Referred to the Board of Works.

From James Legg, for reduction of omnibus license to $5 per annum. Referred to the License Committee.

From Rev. C. J. Dobson, for a sidewalk on the Hamilton Road, leading to the Primitive Methodist church. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Andrew Dean, extension of time to pay taxes. From Neil McCallum and T. P. Webb, for remission of taxes. Referred to the Finance and Assessment Committee.

From J. S. Garner, in reference to bringing cordwood over the L., H. & B. Railway from Hyde Park to this city. Referred to Railway Committee.

From Lambert, Meech & Co., in reference to a new gas burner for street lamps. Referred to the Committee of Fire, Water and Gas.

From Lucius Jarvis in reference to a nuisance near his premises, and asking that it be removed.

Referred to the Board of Health.

Ald. Partridge, sr., moved that the Hall be granted to the St. Andrew's Society on payment of current expenses; this was seconded by Ald. McPhail, but lost.

Ald. Brown submitted the following report of the Hospital and Relief Committee :

Your committee, to whom was referred the following accounts, having found them correct, recommend that they be referred to the Finance Committee for payment, amounting to $286 25, as follows :

Cab hire for patients	$ 1 50
Cab hire, Hospital Committee and County Council	5 00
T. & E. O'Callaghan, groceries	95 93
" " vegetables	20 35
Trebilcock, meat	60 43
J. B. Smyth, bread	31 68
Mrs. Woodward, milk	10 96
Servants' wages	44 00
Mr. Saunders, medicine, &c	16 40
	$286 25

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Ald. Williams moved the reception and adoption of the report, seconded by Ald. Hiscox. Carried.

Ald. Lewis submitted the following report of the Finance Committee :

Your Committee beg to report having examined the following accounts, and report funds for the same :

Hospital account, January	$563 17	
Hospital account, February	286 25	—$849 42

Relief account..........		180 00
Fire Department		409 73
Ordnance lands, rent of offices...............		45 00
City Hall expenses, fuel, etc..................		108 24
Police Station..........		17 55
R. Boyd & Son, clothing for Police........		155 00
Stevens & Turner, gas lamps		38 40
E. A. Taylor & Co., bookbinding		28 57
		$1,831 91
County of Middlesex account, cost of arbitration re bridges......	$317 35	
W. H. Rooks' claim for expenses of drain on Ridout street........	40 00 –	357 35
		$2,189 26

On motion of Ald. Jones, the report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.

Ald. Lewis also submitted the following annual statements of receipts and disbursements :

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand from 1874			$ 10729 47
LICENSE AND FEES			
Theatre license................$		105 00	
Carter "		184 50	
Pedlar "		8 00	
Billiard tables license.........		302 00	
Tavern "		[illegible]50 00	
Saloon "		950 00	
Stores "		3025 00	
Bagatelle "		80 00	
Auctioneers "		210 00	
Livery stables "		300 00	
Temperance "		170 00	
Cabs "		125 00	
Fees and fines from police court......................		1835 00	
Fees from city clerk..........		244 75	
Exhibitions and concerts....		688 00	
Fish market................ ..		168 00	
Market rent....................		5040 00	
Weigh scales, from Winnett..		835 15	
Wood market..................		593 60	
House and store rents.........		1448 34	
Market stalls.....................		1542 00	
Hospital patients...............		605 17	
Fire department, sale of engine..............................		700 00	
Provincial exhibition buildings, Ins.........................		1200 00	
Absentee lands.....................		541 26	
Park committee, sale of buildings........................		360 43	
Ordnance lands—Insurance	$2000 00		
Sale of buildings......	543 87		
		2543 87	
'Bus license........................		20 00	
Shooting gallery......................		1[illegible] 00	
Transient traders................		50 00	
Sale of old tree..................		2 00	
Hospital grant from Government........................		2673 76	
Clergy reserve fund from Government....................		785 70	
			31569 43
Debentures sold..............		6000 00	
" " by Beecher..		22687 86	
			28687 86
John Blair, collector, 1874....		29760 04	
James Taylor, collector, 1874..		39377 51	
			69137 55
John Blair, collector, 1875.....		33281 00	
James Taylor, collector, 1875..		20088 00	
			53369 00
School trustees, Government grant, rents, &c...........			3926 74
London & Port Stanley railway company, rent from Great Western Railway..			13892 00
			$217312 05
Bank of Commerce, advanced			90031 79
			$307343 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

Debenture by-law No. 36, paid off ....$		1600 00	
County of Middlesex on old account........................		7000 00	
Provincial Exhibition buildings.....................348 35			
Provincial Exhibition, land from Carling and Leonard 5967 15			
		6315 50	
Committee of reception, Lt. Governor....................		248 00	
Registry office expenses......		98 79	
Victoria street bridge........		6197 99	
Blackfriars bridge...........		6094 [illegible]	
Election expenses..............		439 50	
Gas Co. acc....................		6380 94	
Relief to paupers..............		2307 55	
Incidental expenses..........		438 16	
Advertising, printing and stationery..............		1761 28	
Board of Works, including Wards..........................		9408 34	
General improvements........		5254 30	
Water works..		1032 52	
London & Port Stanley railway coupons..		7664 66	
Interest on Government debentures		12343 50	
Police department...........		12387 11	
County of Middlesex use of Gaol		2000 00	
City Hall, Fuel, &c., &c......		1021 98	
Park committee for improvements		505 60	
Hospital Account, Building, &c., &c..		18724 10	
Temperance license refunded		11 75	
School trustees		20940 52	
'Bus license refunded.........		10 75	
Ordnance lands..................		271 55	
Interest acc. on debentures, &c		36834 13	
Fire department...............		9197 34	
Salaries acc......		8717 29	
Board of health...............		133 85	
Watering streets..............		2106 67	
Insurance acc.................		914 00	
			188334 98
Bank of Commerce, on bills payable in 1874.............		60000 00	
Bank of Commerce, on bills payable in 1874.............		50000 00	
			110000 00
London Huron & Bruce railway coupons..............,			6000 00

		304231 98
Balance in hand....		3008 86
		$307343 84

We, the undersigned auditors of the City of London having examined and completed the audit of the financial affairs of the City of London for the year ending December 31st, 1875, beg to submit the foregoing abstract of the receipts and disbursements of the said year, and we find the charges in the treasurer's books to be correct, and substantiated by vouchers. The balance of cash in treasurer's possession amounts to three thousand and eight dollars and eighty-six cents, (3008 86) at the close of the year 1875

A. G. SMYTH, } Auditors.
WM. D. RIDDELL, }

ASSETS.

Cash in hand..............		$ 3008 86	
John Blair, Collector, 1875.........	$54915 65		
James Taylor "	63652 84		
		118568 49	
Absentee Lands............		5525 00	
			$ 127102 35

DEFERRED ASSETS

Stock London & P S R. Road	150000 00	
Interest on L. & P.S.R. Road Co 1st and 2nd bonds..	494311 04	
London & P. S. R. Road 1st and 2nd mortgage bonds	475453 00	
		1119764 04
Debentures to sell to pay bank, advanced to retire debentures..............		31000 00
		$1277866 39
Less liabilities..............		1262540 09
Balance of assets over liabilities		$ 15326 30

LIABILITIES.

Balance due school trustees.		$ 10484 90
Bank of Commerce, advanced		90031 79
Debentures issued under consolidation act, 1872..	345233 43	
Debentures falling due, and to sell in 1876 and 1877..	219186 57	
Government debentures under municipal loan fund as per settlement due 1891....................	186062 63	
London, Huron & Bruce Railway debentures, due 1891	100000 00	
		1150788 63
County of Middlesex on acc. of stock G W. R Road and L. & P S. R Road transferred in 1854 and 1855, being balance in full to Dec. 31st, 1875....		8698 27
William Dalton for land purchased in addition to ordnance lands..........		2536 50
Total liabilities of all kinds.		$1262540 09

JOHN BROWN, Treasurer.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the financial statement be committed. Carried.

Ald. Partridge, jr., was called to the chair.

The clerk then read the statement item by item.

Ald Campbell moved that the report be received and fyled. Carried.

The committee rose and the Council resumed, and the motion passed in committee was adopted by the Council.

Ald. McPhail submitted the following report of the Board of Works:

1. Your Board beg leave to recommend, with reference to the petition of John Cockburn and others, that no action be taken in that matter at present.

2. Your Board have fully investigated into the claim made by Mr. Rock for damages for injuries received by Mrs. McKay, and find no just cause for the same, and recommend that the suit be defended. Instructions have been given to the city solicitor accordingly.

The report was received and adopted.

Ald. Campbell reported verbally on behalf of the Railway Committee.

The report of the Salary Committee was further deferred.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald Fitzgerald—

"That this Council, having heard with regret that the G. W. R. Co. has issued a circular announcing their intention in future to charge an extra rate on cordwood carried by the L., H. & B. Railroad between this city and Hyde Park, believing this to be a gross injustice to this city and other municipalities who have granted bonuses towards the construction of said railway, be it therefore resolved, that this corporation communicate with the other municipalities granting said bonuses, soliciting their co-operation to remonstrate with the C. W. R. Co., as well as to protect our interests before the Dominion Parliament of Canada when the bill to amalgamate the L., H. & B. RR. with the G. W. R. Co. is before the House."

The motion passed unanimously.

On motion, the council adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 21st March, 1876.

The Council met this evening in the Council Chamber at the usual hour. Present—His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Murray, Skinner, Jones, Ross, Minhinnick, Rapley, Christie, McColl, Partridge, sr., Lewis, Partridge, jr., Campbell, Williams, Henderson, Brown, Thompson, Hiscox.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Henry Depper, cab driver, claiming $77 damages on account of snow slide from the City Hall. Referred to the Board of Works.

From John Cameron, asking for the free use of the City Hall for the London Musical Union, on the 19th and 20th of April next. Granted.

From D. B. Cox, appeal against income tax. Referred to Finance Committee.

From R. S. Ley, for remission of taxes. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From General Renwick and other ratepayers of No. 7 Ward, asking for the construction of a sidewalk on Oxford street, north side to the new buildings erected by General Renwick. Referred to the Board of Works. The amount of taxes paid by the petitioners is $358 annually.

From F. A. Thompson and others, for a reduction of the license on bagatelle tables. Referred to License Committee.

From M. D. Dawson & Co., HERALD, printing, $111.10. Referred to Finance and Printing Committee.

The License By-law was read a first time.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that this constitute the first reading of the by-law. Carried—8 for, 10 against.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment, that the by-law be taken up clause by clause. Lost.

The by-law was read a second time.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Minhinnick, that $100 be inserted in the by-law as circus license. Carried.

Ald. Jones moved that a menagerie license be $50 per day. Carried.

On the item of Bagatelle tables, Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the license on Bagatelle tables be the same as for Billiards, and that the keepers of such tables be allowed to pay license to the first of May; as a number might not be able to get hotel license.

The amendment of Ald. Pritchard was lost—7 for; 12 against; and the by-law passed its second reading unchanged.

By-law read a third time.

Ald. Fitzgerald then moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the license on bagatelle tables be $40, one-sixth to be paid on the license issuing and five-sixths on the first of May, in case the license be continued. Carried.

The by-law passed its third reading and was signed by the Mayor.

Ald. Partridge, jr., reported verbally from the exhibition committee, and moved that the sum of $350 be placed at the disposal of said committee for the purpose of getting up photographic views of the city for the Centennial Exhibition.

The resolution of Ald. Partridge, jr., was carried on the following division :

Yeas—Sutherland, Campbell, His Worship the Mayor, Jones, Pritchard, Thompson, Hiscox, Ross, McColl, Rapley, Partridge, jr—11.

Nays—Fitzgerald, Murray, Skinner, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Christie, Williams, Lewis, Partridge, sr—10.